PIERRE MENARD HOUSE

Fort Kaskaskia State Park, Ellis Grove vicinity

Built ca. 1802, this excellent example of a French Colonial raised cottage, more typical of the lower Mississippi valley than of this region, was the residence of Pierre Menard, a successful trader who was active in Illinois politics. Located at the base of the hill on which Fort Kaskaskia stood, the Menard House is a museum in Fort Kaskaskia State Park.